

THURSDAY,
MAY 7, 1896.

**BROOKLYN'S ST. LOUIS DELEGATION NOT
LIKELY TO TRAVEL IN A BODY.**
It seems probable that Brooklyn will send two

expeditions to the St. Louis Convention by different routes. At the meeting of the delegates at the Union League Club on Tuesday night, representatives were present from the Baltimore and Ohio, the Pennsylvania and the New-York Central railroads. David P. Watkins, representing the Baltimore and Ohio, made a strong

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alternates favored going to the Pennsylvania road. "Commodore" Watkins said yesterday afternoon, however, that he expected to form a party which would include most of the Worth-Buttlings visitors to the convention. He said that Controller Palmer, ex-Senator

He said that Controller Jacob Worth, County Clerk Henry C. Saffen and several other prominent Worth men had already given their names to him, and that they would probably take the trip by themselves, regardless of any arrangement made by the administration men, who constitute the majority of the Brooklyn visitors to St. Louis. Mr. Watkins said he had not spoken to Alderman Clark, and

Worth men or with the Willis men. Mr. Wallace says his party will probably leave Brooklyn in the afternoon or early in the evening of Saturday June 11.

The party to go over the Pennsylvania road will include Mayor Walter W. Riker, Commissioner of Water Works, Attorney, Ernest J. Kallenbach and J. H. Roberts, Jr., the administration

ternates, including Congressman Hurley and Jacob Brenner; William Berri, St. Clair McKelway, Congressman Francis H. Wilson, Charles A. Moore and three newspaper reporters. Edward H. Schleuter and Henry Fischer, the contestants in the Vith District, will also be members of the party, but, it is thought, they will go with the intention of contesting the seats of Controller Edmund Byrne and County Clerk Saffron. A group of several of the delegates to make people believe that at the three-hour ses-

son on Tuesday evening the only question discussed was transportation and hotel accommodations. Laughter was laughed at yesterday by every one who heard the story. It was said that the case was really the case the delegates were excitedly particularly regarding the St. Louis of the trip. Arrangements for the stay in St. Louis have been fully completed. Mr. Platt has announced that the entire New-York delegation would be provided for at the Southern Hotel, but in view of the present revolt against Mr. Platt and his

The administration party will probably leave Jersey City at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, June 13, on the St. Louis express. The train is scheduled to reach St. Louis at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening.

RALPH T. COOK MISSING.

A REAL ESTATE DEALER WHOSE ABSENCE HAS AROUSED BUSINESS MEN'S APPREHENSIONS.

Ralph T. Cook, a real estate dealer, whose last place of business was in Franklin-ave., near Fulton st., has not been seen at his office for several days, and it is believed by some people with whom he has

The office lately occupied by Cook has in it only one safe, which has the name of Gordon & Jeffrey on the front door. The name appears on a sign over the door, and also on the name in remembrance of the office has a "to let" sign in the window, and the sign of the agent, Frank H. Tyler, at No. 111, Fulton-st., showed that the office had been in the hands of the little more than a week ago, and that Mr. Tyler, a lady came into my office and complained that she had been

was unable to get the rent out of him. Since that the lessee had rented for \$100 a month, Cook and held his receipt, but at the present time he could not find him." Since that time he had heard that Cook had passed worthless checks and suggested that the restaurant-keeper and saloon-keeper near the corner might have some information about the checks. Inquiry of these men showed that they had each cashed small checks for Cook and that the checks had been returned unpaid by the local bank upon which they are drawn. The men said that they had been the business friends and the confidants of Cook, with whom he had taken small

checks upon which payment was refused.
The missing man was popular socially.

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FUNERAL COMMISSIONS IN DISPUTE.

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A SEXTON'S SUIT AGAINST AN UNDERTAKER.

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George Sterrett, the sexton of the Washington Protestant Episcopal Church at Washington and Gate

Avenue Duquesne in an action against William H. Homan, an undertaker, whose place of business is in Fulton-st., near Clermont-ave. The action is based on a contract made between the plaintiff and defendant whereby he allowed him to put two of his signs on the church building, in consideration of which Homan was to pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$300. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant has refused to pay the sum of \$300, and has made an agreement with the defendant whereby he allowed him to put two of his signs on the church building, in consideration of which Homan was to pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$300. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant has refused to pay the sum of \$300, and has made an agreement with the defendant whereby he allowed him to put two of his signs on the church building, in consideration of which Homan was to pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$300.

The defendant says that he has carried out the terms of any contract which he made. He says that the contract was without consideration, and that, if the plaintiff had any claim against him, it was out of time, and he cannot collect it.

The trial was continued.

NO MORE UNITED STATES PRISONERS

CROW HILL OFFICIALS AFFECTED BY THE WILSON LAW.

No more United States prisoners will be housed in the Kings County Penitentiary, on Crow Hill, after the new law goes into effect. The law will save those convicted in New-York State. This matter was discussed yesterday by the members of the

Board of Charities and Correction in their
Place offices. There is a clause which provides
this change in the Wilcox Prison bill, recently
signed by Governor Morton. Accordingly,
United States Government authorities were
formed, and after January 1 next no Govern-
convicts outside of New York State will be re-
at the Penitentiary. The Wilcox law abolishes
known as the "farming out" system, and per-
year prison authorities using convicts for a

purpose other than work for public buildings. At present there are several hundred United States prisoners confined in the Penitentiary. The profit on their earnings amounts to \$20,000 a year. It is said, with this revenue taken away, the county will have an extra burden of \$50,000 a year. Commissioner Burtis said yesterday that he had nothing about the new law, but had sent for certified copies.

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DOUBT ABOUT CHILD WITNESSES.

AS THOSE UNDER SEVEN CANNOT BE HELD AMENABLE FOR PERJURY, JUSTICE CLEMENT RESERVES A DECISION.

Testimony was taken in the Supreme Court yesterday before Justice Clement and a jury in the case of John Cleary against Blakie & Williams, stockfitters, for \$20,000 damages for the death of his little son, Christopher. The boy was an attendant

Public School No. 107, and was killed by falling in the cellar of the school through a doorway while the defendants, who were fitting the school with steam pipes, had left open. Robert Shaw, seven years old, one of the classmates of the little girl, testified regarding the accident.

Justice Clement reserved his decision on the question as to whether other children who were under seven years of age could be held liable. If they committed perjury they could not be held amenable for it. The trial will be continued to-day.

INDIAN RELICS TO BE SHOWN.

Brooklyn people are soon to have an opportunity to see one of the largest and most novel collections of Indian relics in this country, and there is a further satisfaction in the thought that this valuable collection will in all probability become the property of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and at no distant day be placed where students and
